



Overview





The end of October marked the 391st day of Israel's genocidal aggression against the Gaza Strip, as the Israeli Occupation Forces, IOF, continued their targeting of defenceless Palestinian civilians and their property.





The IOF concentrated its operations in the northern areas of the Gaza Strip, where the occupation forces continued to launch a military ground operation since October 5 and imposed a tight siege on it, especially around the Jabalia refugee camp, to evacuate the area, reoccupying it and allowing for illegal settlements. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that due to evacuation orders, at least 70,000 Palestinians have been displaced again since the beginning of the current ground military operation. Moreover, Israel continues to use starvation as a weapon for killing and displacing Palestinians in the north by preventing the entry of aid since the beginning of October, thus risking the lives of thousands of Palestinians who are refusing to leave.

In her [report](#) titled “ Genocide as a colonial erasure”, Francesca Albanese the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories, concluded that Israel had committed acts of genocide in Gaza, stressing that genocide should be seen as integral and instrumental to the aim of complete Israeli colonisation of Palestinian land while removing as many Palestinians as possible. “Obscured by false Israeli narratives of a war waged in ‘self-defence’, the genocidal conduct of Israel must be viewed within a broader context, as numerous actions (totality of conduct) jointly targeting the Palestinians as such (totality of a people) across the entire territory where they reside (totality of the land), in furtherance of the political ambitions of Israel for sovereignty over the whole of former Mandatory Palestine. Today, the genocide of the Palestinians appears to be the means to an end: the complete removal or eradication of Palestinians from the land so integral to their identity, and which is illegally and openly coveted by Israel.”


In parallel with the ongoing genocidal war against the Gaza Strip, the occupation forces escalated their aggression against the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. A comprehensive campaign throughout the West Bank that included raids, arrests, and assassinations was carried out, primarily concentrated in the governorates of Tulkarem, Nablus and Jenin, killing a total of 46 Palestinians.


	At least 1616 Palestinians were killed, 1570 in Gaza and 46 in the West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health, MoH, records noted that between October 7, 2023, and October 31, 2024, the death toll reached 44,026 Palestinians, 43,259 in the Gaza Strip and 767 in the West Bank.
	Over 5,300 Palestinians were injured, of whom approximately 5200 were in Gaza. Between October 7, 2023, and October 31, 2024, at least 108100 Palestinians were injured, including at least 101,800 in Gaza. (MoH)

	<p>According to various media reports, the Israeli army has committed around 3,759 massacres among the Palestinians in Gaza. Moreover, an estimated number of 10,000 people are believed to be missing or dead under the rubble.</p>
	<p>There were 268 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 1485 military incursions and 561 ad-hoc military checkpoints. (NAD)</p>
	<p>Israeli settlers were involved in no less than 268 terror attacks against Palestinian civilians throughout the West Bank. (NAD)</p>
	<p>By the end of October 2024, Israel arrested at least 862 Palestinians, including seven women and 66 children. The number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel rose to more than 10,000, including 270 children. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was in Hebron, where 288 detention cases were recorded, followed by Jerusalem at 259. The total number of prisoners who died in Israeli custody since October 7, 2023, is 41, including 14 from the West Bank, 24 from the Gaza Strip, two Palestinians living in Israel, and one from Jerusalem.</p>

	<p>There is no update from the previous month regarding the housing units destroyed. The UN explained that two-thirds of the total buildings in the Gaza Strip were damaged, i.e., 66% of the buildings in the Gaza Strip that were damaged comprised (163,778) buildings, including (52,564) destroyed buildings and (18,913) badly damaged. In contrast (35,591) buildings and (56,710) buildings were moderately damaged. The UN analysis of the situation noted that the Gaza Governorate was the most affected, where (46,370) buildings were damaged, followed by Gaza City, where (36,611) buildings were destroyed.</p>
	<p>According to UNRWA, up to 1.9 million people across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced. According to OCHA, between October 2023 and October 29, 2024, IOF issued over 65 evacuation orders, including four that were subsequently revoked. Currently, about 80 per cent of Gaza is under active evacuation orders.</p>
	<p>Since the aggression began, Israeli bombardment has damaged 190 UNRWA facilities, killed 237 UNRWA personnel, and no less than 563 displaced Palestinians staying in UNRWA shelters. Besides, no less than 1,790 Palestinians were wounded.</p>
	<p>According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 138 government schools have been bombed and severely damaged since October 7, 2023. More than 77 schools were destroyed, in addition to 126 schools that became targets of attacks and vandalism, causing partial destruction to the premises. OCHA reports that, between 13 and 26 October, 31 incidents affecting 22 school premises run by UNRWA and eight managed by the PNA were reported, with some schools impacted multiple times. Of these incidents, 20 occurred in the North Gaza</p>

	<p>governorate. In total, 57 incidents affecting schools were recorded between 1 and 26 October, including airstrikes, forced evacuations, shelling and arson.</p> <p>In addition, more than 11,057 students and 441 education sector staff were killed while more than 16,897 students and 2,491 staff members were injured. At least 700,000 students were denied access to their schools. The Ministry also reported that 65 UNRWA schools were damaged. According to a recently published report, approximately 85% of schools in Gaza were destroyed or targeted by the IOF.</p>
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	<p>Attacks on the Health Sector: Since the onset of the aggression, IOF has carried out a total of 1207 attacks on health facilities and workers, 557 of which occurred in Gaza. The IOF also targeted and destroyed 130 ambulances (MoH). A report issued by the World Health Organization, WHO, revealed that since Israel's aggression last October until 5 November, 17 hospitals out of 36 became partially operational in the Gaza Strip, including three hospitals in the northern part of the Strip, seven hospitals in Gaza, three hospitals in Deir al-Balah, four hospitals in Khan Yunis, while all hospitals in Rafah became out of service. Moreover, 47 of the 133 healthcare centers remained partially operational. These attacks killed a total of 833 health personnel and wounded 1206 others.</p>
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	<p>In October, eight Palestinian journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed 174 journalists and media workers in Gaza. It has displaced over 1,500 journalists, targeted the homes of hundreds of journalists' families, and destroyed 84 media offices. (Journalists' Syndicate)</p>
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Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals, Shelters And Civilians In Gaza In October 2024:



- **[Directly targeting displaced people of Gaza:](#)** Al Mezan Center for Human Rights documented the death of (191) Palestinians, including (9) children and (15) women, and the injury of dozens as a result of targeting (19) population centres, (12) homes, and (5) Tents for the displaced people, in addition to two vehicles and two popular markets between October 28-30. The Israeli aggression during this period was concentrated in the Northern Gaza Governorate, the Gaza Governorate, the Central Governorate, the Khan Yunis Governorate and the Rafah Governorate. One of the most prominent examples of the massacres that occurred during that period was on October 29 in northern Gaza, where Israeli warplanes attacked a five-story residential building belonging to the Abu Nasser family in Beit Lahiya, which led to the killing of (93) Palestinians and injuries of about 100 others.
- **[Targeting Gaza Hospitals:](#)** On October 19, the Israeli occupation forces intensified their bombing and shooting towards the Indonesian Hospital in Jabaliya, intensely firing artillery shells towards its gate and targeting the upper floors of the hospital, which contains about 40 patients and wounded in addition to the medical staff. This caused the hospital's electricity cut and a massive panic among patients and medical staff. The occupation forces also bombed the upper floors of Al-Awda Hospital in Tal Al-Zaatar in

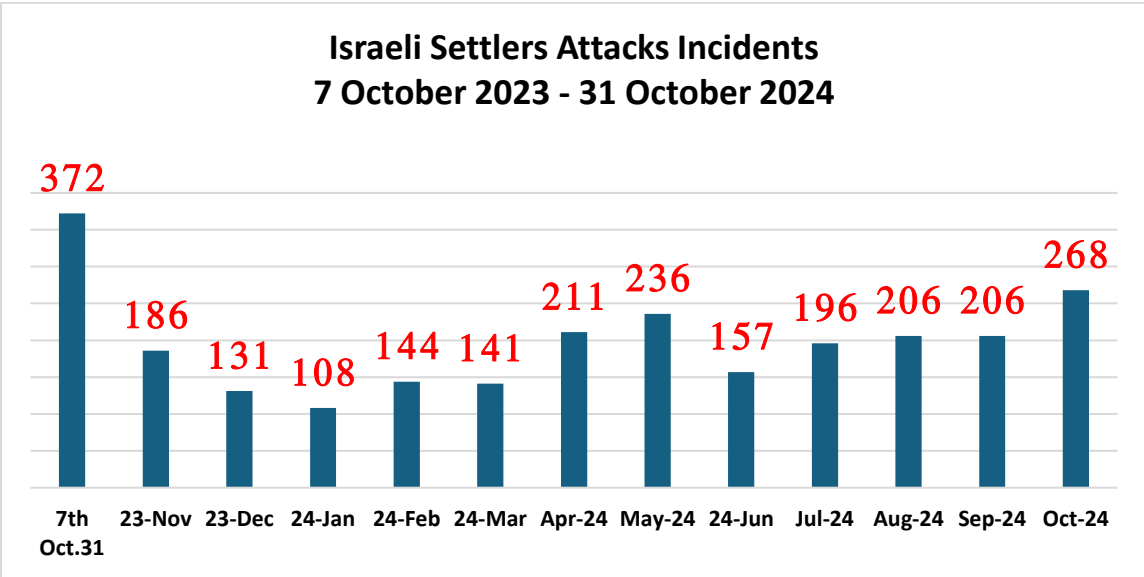
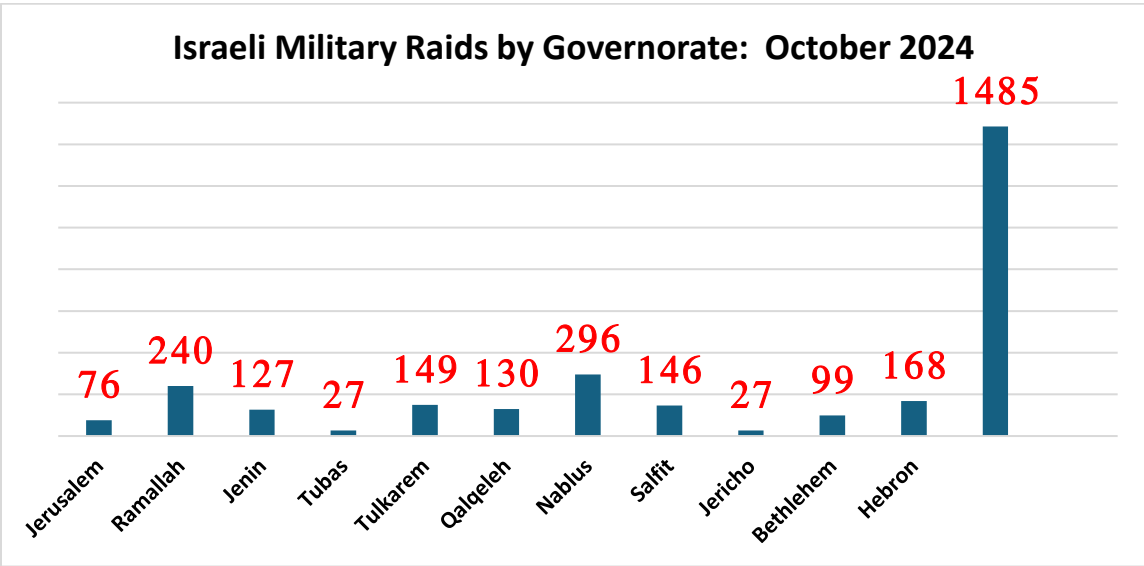
Jabaliy, northern Gaza Strip, causing several injuries among medical personnel, one of whom is in serious condition. Occupation aircraft also bombed the yard of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya north of Gaza. IOF also targeted an ambulance belonging to Al-Awda Hospital, which was carrying several patients to transport them to Kamal Adwan Hospital, leading to the death of two women and causing new injuries to the injured people, one of whom was an infant.

- **Targeting Schools:** On October 10, Israeli warplanes attacked Abd al-Rahman bin A'wf School, which shelters thousands of displaced people in the al-Saftawi neighbourhood in the northern Gaza Strip, leading to the killing of two people, including Sharia judge Muhammad al-Taher Shehadeh. On the same day, Israeli warplanes also attacked the Rufaydah Al-Asalimiyah Secondary School for Girls, which houses displaced persons in Deir Al-Balah Governorate in the central Gaza Strip. These attacks resulted in the killing of 29 displaced people, including seven women and two children, and the injury of about 75 others, seriously wounding others. On October 11, Israeli occupation artillery attacked Hafsa School, which houses thousands of displaced people in Jabalya al-Nazla, killing one of them and wounding others.

Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

- In October 2024, the Tulkarem Governorate recorded the highest number of martyrs, with 26 Palestinians killed during several IOF incursions into Tulkarem City and its nearby refugee camp, followed by Nablus Governorate, where the IOF killed 7 Palestinians and Jenin governorate where Israel killed 5 Palestinians.
- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, since the aggression began and until the end of October 24, the IOF attacked 84 public schools, killing 79 students and two teachers and injuring 464 students and 17 teachers.
- In addition to the bodies of 256 martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers, Israel currently withholds the bodies of 355 Palestinian martyrs, including 37 children, 50 prisoners, and five women. In October 2024, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of 15 martyrs from the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. (National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies.)

	<p>Settlement activities: The occupation authorities advanced nearly 1770 settlement units in the West Bank, including 500 units in occupied East Jerusalem, and approved several other colonial settlement projects. (Peace Now & Ir Amim)</p>
	<p>House demolitions: The IOF demolished 66 Palestinian structures, including 26 homes and one donor-funded structure, displacing 22 families and 106 people, including 52 children, and otherwise affecting 69 families comprising 362 individuals, including 134 children. In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished 14 structures, including 12 homes, displacing seven families comprising 27 people, including eight children). (UNOCHA)</p>

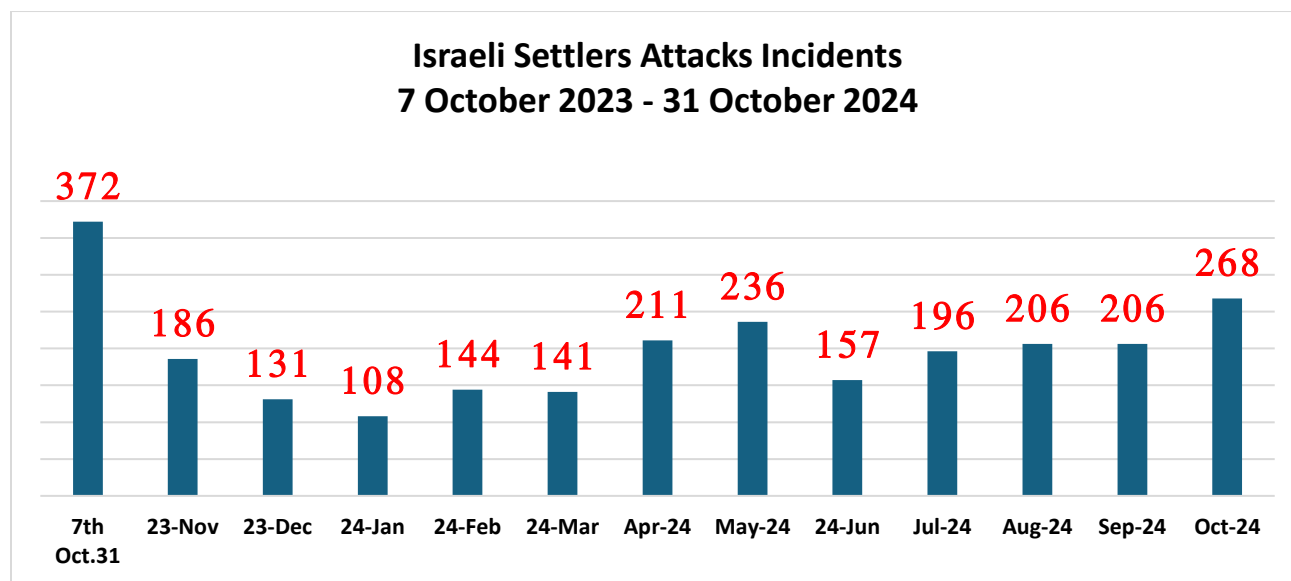


During this period (7 October 2023 to 31 October 2024), there were (14,495) military Raids concentrated in Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, Tubas and Bethlehem governorates .

Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

With unconditional and unlimited support from the Israeli occupation authorities and their forces, Israeli settlers continued their terror attacks against defenceless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least **268** attacks were recorded in August. Settlers' attacks included running over children, physical assaults against Palestinians from Jerusalem, and ambushing at crossroads leading to Palestinian villages and towns, Palestinian vehicles and pelting them with stones. They raided villages and towns, blocked roads, uprooted fruit trees, destroyed crops, bulldozed agricultural fields, grazed livestock on Palestinian privately-owned agrarian lands, attacked Palestinian homes and property, setting them on fire, erected their tents on private Palestinian land, reestablished colonial installations (outposts), shot at citizens and their property, and kidnapped Palestinians and physically abused them.

Most of these attacks occurred in Nablus, Hebron, Salfit, Ramallah and Tubas governorates. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops, resulting in the uprooting, damage, sabotage, poisoning, and burning of 1401 trees, including 1339 olive trees. Most of these attacks occurred in Nablus governorate (16 attacks), followed by Ramallah (12 attacks), and then Hebron governorate (7 attacks).



Some Examples Are Below

- **On October 25 in Jerusalem Governorate**, a group of settlers entered citizens' agricultural lands in the town of Hizma and attacked the farmers while they were picking olive crops from their land, which led to the injury of a citizen, who was subsequently transferred for treatment to the government hospital in the city of al-Ram.
- **On October 22 in the Hebron Governorate**, a group of settlers from the "Ma'on" settlement, located east of the town of Yatta, kidnapped the child Salama Kayed Salama Makhmreh, 15 years old, took him into the settlement, and severely beat him, causing him wounds and bruises. He was taken to the hospital for treatment after he was released near Khirbet Maghayir Al-Ubaid.
- **On October 29 in Qalqilya Governorate**, A group of settlers entered the citizens' agricultural lands in the village of Imatin and opened fire towards farmers while they were picking their olive crop from their land, leading to the injury of 2 citizens (siblings).

In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In October 2024ⁱ

- In October 2024, two martyrs were killed in the Jerusalem Governorate: Hatem Ghaith (12 years old) and Sami Al-Amoudi (40 years old).
- During October 2024, the occupation detained the body of martyr Sami Al-Amoudi, bringing the number of bodies of Jerusalemite martyrs held by the occupation authorities in the occupation's refrigerators and numbered graves to 44.

- During October 2024, the Jerusalem Governorate monitored about 32 attacks by settlers, and the pace of settler attacks increased during the two months of October due to their celebrations of Jewish holidays.
- During October 2024, the Jerusalem Governorate monitored injuries resulting from the occupation's use of excessive force against Jerusalemites. About (25) injuries were observed because of live and rubber-coated metal bullets and severe beatings, in addition to cases of suffocation by gas.
- In a clear and explicit violation of the sanctity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and with frantic attempts to change the historical and legal status quo therein, the settlers' incursions continued during October 2024, as 10,149 settlers and 3,498 under the name of "tourism" stormed the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque during the de facto situation imposed by the occupation and called the morning and evening periods under heavy protection from the occupation forces. This is the highest number of incursions since the beginning of the year. In October 2024, the occupation authorities continued their siege of Al-Aqsa Mosque, which they had imposed since the seventh year by restricting the entry of Muslim worshipers to it. The occupation forces are stationed at the gates of Al-Aqsa all the time, placing iron barriers, stopping visitors, and trying to obstruct their entry to it, preventing this many times, especially during prayer times.
- During October 2024, the occupation authorities continued to target the Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith. On October 13, the occupation Magistrate's Court in Jerusalem held a session this morning to consider several accusations against His Excellency the Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, filed by the occupation prosecution. It is noteworthy that Ghaith has been pursued for several years in the occupation courts on charges related to his role in the city of Jerusalem. Governor Ghaith attended the court session, where consideration of the charges against him was postponed until February 16, 2025.
- The racist occupation courts issued (58) actual prison sentences against Jerusalemite prisoners, including (55) administrative detention sentences, i.e., without clearly specifying a charge against them.
- House arrest has become a sword hanging over the necks of Jerusalemites, which is represented by the imposition of rulings by the occupation court that require a person to stay inside the house for specific periods in a forced manner, which has made the homes of Jerusalemites prisons for them, as it restricts the convict and his sponsors. It creates a state of permanent tension and psychological and social pressures. The occupation authorities monitored five house arrest decisions during October 2024.
- The occupation authorities use the deportation decisions they issue to suppress the Palestinian presence in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Old City, Bab al-Amoud, and other targeted neighbourhoods. In October 2024, the occupation authorities issued ten deportation decisions, 3 of which were to deport from Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- During October 2024, the number of demolitions and bulldozing operations in the Jerusalem Governorate reached (15) demolitions and bulldozing operations, including: (9 forced self-demolition operations) and (4 demolitions carried out by occupation mechanisms), in addition to two bulldozing operations.

ⁱ Main Source: Unless otherwise indicated, the Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate.